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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT:AFGHAN-PAK RELATIONS

1. AFGHAN AMBASSADOR MALIKYAR CALLED ON DEP ASST SECY SOBER FEBRUARY 25. MALIKYAR REQUESTED APPOINTMENT PRIOR TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISION ON ARMS EMBARGO, OF WHICH HE WAS INFORMED BY DEPARTMENT MORNING OF FEB 24. CONSTABLE AND SCHIFFERDECKER, NEA/PAB, SAT IN.

2. DISCUSSION FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS AND SITUATION IN NWFP. REFERRING TO DISSOLUTION OF NAP AND ARRESTS, MALIKYAR SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY EXPRESSED ITS DEEP CONCERN AND REGRETTED THAT THESE EVENTS CAME AT UNFORTUNATE TIME WHEN GOA AND GOP WERE BEGINNING TO INITIATE A DIALOGUE. HE SAID HE HAD HEARD UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT SOME "REFUGEES" FROM NWFP HAD FLED TO AFGHANISTAN AND WERE LIVING IN "CAMPS" NEAR KANDAHAR. HE ADDED THAT WHILE GOP CAN PUT PEOPLE IN JAIL IT CANNOT "BAN" NTIRE POPULATION OF SEVEN MILLION IN NWFP AND THAT IT
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WOULD HAVE BEEN PREFERABLE FOR GOP TO PROCEED ON BASIS OF

EVIDENCE RATHER THAN WHOLESALÉ AGAINST THE INNOCENT AS WELL AS THOSE WHO MAY HAVE BEEN IMPLICATED.

3. SOBER RESPONDED THAT USG ALSO REGRETTEO DETERIORATION OF RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY CANCELLATION OF PROMISING

GOP INITIATIVE TO SEND AGHA SHAHI TO KABUL. AT SAME TIME HE REGRETTEO ASSASSINATION OF SHERPAO. WITHOUT JUDGING MERITS OF BHUTTO'S REACTION, HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT TWO SIDES WOULD SEE IT IN THEIR LONG-TERM INTEREST TO ALLOW EMOTIONS TO SUBSIDE, TO DESIST FROM HOSTILE EXCHANGES OF PROPAGANDA, AND TO RESUME PROCESS OF DIA-LOGUE. HE ADDED THAT HE HAD RECENTLY CONVEYED SIMILAR VIEWS TO GOP OFFICIAL.

4. TAKING UP MALIKYAR'S REFERENCE TO ARMS EMBARGO DECISION, SOBER EXPLAINED THAT TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT HAD ABSOLUTELY NO RELATION TO RECENT EVENTS IN PAKISTAN. ISSUE HAD BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION FOR YEARS AND TIMING RELATED TO BHUTTO'S U.S. VISIT, RATHER THAN TO SUBSEQUENT EVENTS IN NWFP. HE ALSO STRESSED THAT U.S. POLICY TOWARD SUB-CONTINENT WAS UNCHANGED AND THAT WE WANTED COUNTRIES IN REGION TO WORK OUT DIFFERENCES PEACEFULLY AMONG SELVES WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE.

5. MALIKYAR REPLIED THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT U.S. REMAINS FRIEND OF BOTH AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN AND THAT HE WAS CONVINCED THAT U.S. DECISION ON ARMS AND EVENTS IN NWFP WERE COINCIDENTAL. ALTHOUGH HE HAD NO OFFICIAL REACTION YET FROM HIS GOVERNMENT, HE PERSONALLY UNDERSTOOD GOP SECURITY CONCERNS VIS-A-VIS INDIA. HE AGREED THAT GOA'S BILATERAL DIFFERENCES WITH PAKISTAN COULD NEVER BE SETTLED BY FORCE, ADDING THAT IN ALL HIS 40 YEARS GOVERNMENT SERVICE, AFGHAN SIDE NEVER WANTED ANYTHING MORE THAN A NATURAL, OPEN RELATIONSHIP WITH PAKISTAN.

6. MALIKYAR PROMISED TO CONVEY U.S. VIEWS TO HIS GOVERNMENT AND TO BE BACK IN TOUCH TO CONVEY ANY REACTION.
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